

DID THE MACHINE GUNS

Prove Effective in the Engagement at Santiago is the Concern of the Department.

GEN. SHAFTER'S ARMY

Will Number Twenty-Five Thousand When the Expedition of Next Tuesday Lands in Cuba.

Washington, June 25.—Army officers today read the news of yesterday's engagement with interest, but say these necessarily omitted facts that are essential to enable one to form a clear conception of the movements attempted by General Lawton and Colonel Oug which resulted in the severe loss for the rough riders. The rough riders were supplied with at least two Colt's automatic machine guns when they started from Tampa, and the officials are waiting to hear whether these were used with effect or not. These little guns weigh only thirty pounds, so they are easily transported on mulesback and may be packed along with a tripod by a soldier for a short distance.

Only one message came during the night to the navy department from Admiral Sampson, and it is in no wise connected with yesterday's engagement. The report was current that he had notified the department of his intention to begin the bombardment of the forts at the entrance of Santiago harbor today and to continue the bombardment until the last gun was silenced. No such cablegram was received. No doubt is felt that Admiral Sampson, who is in full and free communication with General Shafter, will use his ships in the manner referred to if it be deemed best to do so. He has not notified the department, however, of any such intention.

At General Miles' headquarters deep interest was manifested in the reports of the first bloody engagement. The general was at his desk, but when he arrived found nothing from General Shafter on the subject of the fight. He said he did not regard this as surprising and looked for fighting instead of reporting. At 10 o'clock General Miles and Secretary Alger held a long conference. The general, when asked as to the situation, said the press reports told the whole story so far as was known. It showed the terrible earnestness and the courage of our men, and the spirit with which they were entering upon this attack. The loss of Captain Cannon and the other brave men from the rough riders and the cavalrymen was a serious blow, General Miles said. He spoke in the highest praise of Captain Cannon, saying that he had been one of the best officers in the United States service, a man who knew no fear. He was a type of the stalwart American soldier, broad shouldered and athletic in build and a man of most prepossessing personal appearance. Running over the list of the dead and wounded, General Miles had a good word to say for each one, so far as he knew them and among the regulars he knew them almost man for man. When asked if he felt that General Pando, the Spanish commander at Holguin, could be kept from bringing reinforcements of 10,000 men down to General Linera at Santiago, General Miles said that the Cubans must be depended upon to hold back Pando.

General Garcia had been specially equipped with throwing his Cuban forces against the line of communication between Holguin and Santiago, and this, together with the difficulties of progress along the 20 mile stretch between the two places promised to prevent Spanish reinforcements reaching Santiago. General Miles observed his usual reserve as to the sending of new expeditions with reinforcements. It is quite evident, however, that reinforcements will be hurried forward, both from Tampa and from Newport News. Already General Duffield's force on the Yale are well on their way. The Harvard will take another force today, and by next Tuesday about 4,000 more American troops will be at the disposal of General Shafter. Within another week the rest of General Hardy's division, including the Garretts brigade, will be there. The first class transports received yesterday are likely to go to Tampa as fast as possible, to take forward the best equipped men at that point, with additional cavalry horses, mules, etc.

DUFFIELD BRIGADE COMPLETE.
Newport, Va., June 25.—The Ninth Massachusetts, Colonel E. B. Hogan and companies A, B, C and M of the Thirty-fourth Michigan, Colonel Peterman, arrived here today on special trains from Camp Alger to embark this afternoon on the auxiliary cruiser Harvard for Santiago de Cuba, which they have been ordered to reinforce General Shafter. These troops complete General Duffield's brigade, the first detachment of which sailed for Cuba Thursday evening from Old Point, on the cruiser Yale. Colonel Hogan, of the Ninth Massachusetts, is in command of the troops that arrived today. The supply train arrived early this morning and the work of transferring the ammunition and equipment to the Harvard is now in progress. The Harvard is expected to sail at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

PEACE CONDITIONS
Madrid, June 25.—The Correspondencia of this city today publishes a report to the effect that the peace conditions suggested by the government of the United States include the possession by the United States of the island of Porto Rico, the independence of the island of Cuba under a protectorate of the United States, the establishment of a naval station for United States warships in the Philippine Islands and the establishment of a coal depot for United States warships in the Canary Islands.

MAKING SOLDIERS IS SLOW
Jacksonville, Fla., June 25.—With the mercury fluctuating between 95 and 98 in the shade the fine rains were caught and in the city are being prepared for active service as fast as the slow-moving Washington government will permit. This would be a good place for the "surry-on-to-Havana" people to visit. There is an officer lesson in the camps that Tampa, Fort Tampa or Lakeland does not furnish, and no great amount of study is necessary to teach an observer

but there is money in plenty, and I for one—and I tell you, sir, that I am not the only one in this regiment—cannot see why we shouldn't have seen some of it before now.

The other deserters had the same complaint to make and one of the officers feared that the regiment would lose greatly in numbers before July 1, unless the government anticipated the break by sending a paymaster here.

There is the same feeling of discontent in the other regiments. The men from Illinois are kicking, and so are the Wisconsin and Iowa troops.

There has been no complaint on account of food. There is a plenty of army rations. Canned meats and beans and flour in bulk are exchanged with dealers in the city for fresh meats, vegetables and bakers' bread. Yesterday's Twenty-third Iowa were at supper the other night. Colonel Gould, in campaign hat, blue shirt and trousers came along. He wore nothing to tell his rank, but the boys knew him, arose and saluted.

"How are you getting along, boys?" asked the colonel.

"First rate," said half a dozen in chorus. "If we live as well as this in Cuba we'll be in luck."

In another company street four big fellows were engaged in playing "knif" with their bayonets. Not knowing the colonel by sight they played on, unconscious of his rank. He stood looking at them for a moment, and then approached. "Gentlemen," he said, and he told them who he was. "I know you mean no breach of discipline in employing your bayonets in this little amusement, but I really wish you wouldn't."

DUMPED INTO THE SURF

Washington, June 25.—The following has been received here:

Playa del Este, via Hayti, June 25.—Adjutant General, U. S. A., Washington, D. C. Hainquiri, June 25.—Had very fine voyaging; lost less than fifty animals, six or eight today. Last more putting them through the surf to land them on transports. Command as healthy as when we left; eighty men sick; only deaths two men drowned in landing; landings difficult; coast quite similar to that in vicinity of San Francisco and covered with dense growth of bushes. Landing at Hainquiri unopposed. All points occupied by Spanish troops heavily bombarded by navy to clear them out. Sent troops toward Santiago and occupied Jaraguá City, a naturally strong place, this morning. Spanish troops retreated as soon as our advance was known. Had no more troops or could have captured them about 60 all told. Railroad from here in, have cars and engine in possession. Six thousand men disembarked with six thousand men yesterday and as many more today. Will get all troops off tomorrow including light artillery and greater portion of pack train, probably all of it, with some of the wagons. Animals have to be dumped in the water and towed ashore. Had consultation with General Garcia, Rabi and Castillo at 1 p. m. of the 20th, twenty miles west of Santiago. These officers were unanimously of the opinion that landing should be made at San Juan. I had come to the same conclusion. General Garcia promises to join me at Jaraguá City tomorrow with between 2,000 and 4,000 men who will be brought from west of Santiago by ships of the navy to Jaraguá City and there disembarked. This will give me between 4,000 and 5,000 Cubans and leave 1,000 under General Rabi to threaten Santiago from the west. General Kent's division is being disembarked this afternoon at Jaraguá City and will be continued during the night. The assistance of the navy has been of the greatest benefit and could not have been given without them. I could not have landed in ten days and perhaps not at all, as I believe I should have lost many boats in the surf. At present want for nothing. Weather has been good; no rain on land and prospects for fair weather.

Signed: Major General Commanding.

IN A SPECIAL TRAIN
Denver Women Take an Excursion Ride
Denver, June 25.—Today is "Colorado Day" for the visiting club women. This morning the celebration began by a complimentary trip around the "Loop" on the Gulf, seven coaches being filled with pleasure seekers, including the most prominent women of the convention. Luncheon was served at Georgetown by the club women in that vicinity.

The sudden turn in the presidential affairs is an all around surprise. The nominee for the presidency, Mrs. W. of Atlanta, Ga., after her signed declaration of the day before was more surprised than anyone else. Mrs. Sarah S. Platt of Denver expressed pleasure at being chosen as vice president.

News Notes of the War.
San Francisco, June 25.—Two private of the Kansas volunteers died on Friday. Louis Moon of Company K expressed of meetings and C. K. Greenough of company C, fell a victim of pneumonia. They will be buried today with military honors.

San Francisco, June 25.—News has reached here from Honolulu that opium is being smuggled on a large scale from Victoria, B. C., to the Hawaiian Islands. It is said that the men engaged in the business are the schooner Hesteria, Lena E. and Salvador. The first two are reported to have landed their cargoes and sailed away, but the Salvador was caught. A search revealed 1,000 lbs. of opium on board and Captain John Haake, with a man named Albert Wehrich, were arrested in jail.

Derby Races at Chicago.
Chicago, June 25.—Today the once famous American Derby was revived on the resumption of the famous Washington Park track which has been closed since 1881. Rain fell in torrents the greater portion of last night, making a heavy track for the Derby; the third race on the card. A week ago everything indicated a big field, barring accidents. It looked as if as many as eighteen might start. Accidents came, however, and change of form and the field today caused the list to dwindle down to eight probable starters. Mirfield and Pink Coat continued the favorites for the race.

On account of the above exposition, the Santa Fe has authorized the following rates:
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